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*mellowness is betterness.*

— Edward Happel

### OUR SOUL SECRET

*the hands of time churn on.  
the earth continues spinning.  
I'm still in love with you,  
with you my love, with you.*

*seasons change, nations merge,  
people grow, ages turn,  
while our soul life together endures,  
mysteriously richer.*

*decades within centuries around milleniums  
stars are born and die  
yet the omnific love still blossoms  
enriching enhancing enchanting*

— Edward Happel

### LISTEN

*when will you hear me?  
when will you listen?  
all my life i've been looking for you.  
everywhere always i've wanted only you.  
i'd just like to know you,  
that's all i ask.  
why don't you let it be?*

*mystery enshrouds you.  
and i must ask:  
is your mystical secrecy really  
a sign of hidden treasure?  
or is it more like  
a suppression of the truth?*

*no matter how hard i try,  
to what degree or length,  
you still remain unseen.  
i ponder giving up,  
but you're too important,  
you are too special:  
we are meant to be awake.*

*please.*

— Sheilla James

### "TO CUPID WITH LOVE"

*Your arrows dipped in saccharine slime,  
as you await some love-drenched rhyme  
to wash away my weak defenses,  
drown me in my foolish senses. . .  
Then you stick your tainted dart  
deep in the muscle of my heart,  
Winged', bare-bottomed brat —  
I never asked for that.*

— Reggie Murphy

*wild cherry soda*

*spring fresh days  
in joy with cool high friends  
travelling the universe  
with pockets full of gold  
— Corrine Hayes*